

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Worship of the Triune God is our most important duty. John 4:23-24 says that God seeks those who worship Him in spirit and truth. As you worship today, purpose to enter fully into the praise offered by singing, in joyful giving of tithes and offerings, in prayer, and in carefully listening to God speak through the reading and preaching of His Word. May our sovereign Lord receive glory as you actively worship Him.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Testimony and Call to Office

Scott Lollar (Elder Candidate, Re-election)

Introit

Choir

"Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

Psalm 95

"Ebenezer"

Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

Send Thy Spirit, I beseech Thee, Gracious Lord, send while I pray;
Send the Comforter to teach me, guide me, help me in Thy way.
Sinful, wretched, I have wandered Far from Thee in darkest night;
Precious time and talents squandered— Lead, O lead me into light

Thou hast heard me; light is breaking, Light I never saw before;
Now my soul, with joy awaking, Gropes in fearful gloom no more.
O the bliss! My soul declare it, Say what God has done for thee;
Tell it out, let others share it— Christ's salvation full and free.

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Call to Worship*

Psalm 146:1-3, 8-10 (ESV)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.... The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise*

#181

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

Invocation*

Confession of Faith

The Belgic Confession of Faith
Article 13

We believe that the same God, after He had created all things, did not forsake them, or give them up to fortune or chance, but that He rules and governs them according to His holy will, so that nothing happens in this world without His appointment; nevertheless, God neither is the author of, nor can be charged with, the sins which are committed. For His power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible, that He orders and executes His work in the most excellent and just manner, even then when devils and wicked men act unjustly. And as to what He doth surpassing human understanding, we will not curiously inquire into it further than our capacity will admit of; but with the greatest humility and reverence adore the righteous judgments of God which are hid from us, contenting ourselves that we are disciples of Christ, to learn only those things which He has revealed to us in His Word without transgressing these limits.

Preparation for Confession of Sin

Ephesians 4:29-31

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 4:32-5:1

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

Hymn of Assurance*

#495

"No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee"

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Response

Scripture Reading*

Psalms 26:5-10; John 8:12, 21-34

Hymn of Preparation*

Insert
"Speak, O Lord"

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Jim Claycomb

"I AM, I AM the Light of the World"
John 8

Hymn of Affirmation*

Insert
"In Christ Alone"

Benedictory Blessing*

#735

"Gloria Patri"
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

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Postlude*